

GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET
CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 2003 AGENDA
Item No. WC-5

TITLE: Request by Los Angeles Unified School District for a renewal waiver of <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 53314.6(a) regarding the 3% limit on enrollment of students under the age of 16, in the Regional Occupational Program (ROP). CDSIS: 38-3-2003	ACTION INFORMATION PUBLIC HEARING <u>X</u> CONSENT
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RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends:

☒ Approval, with the following conditions: (1) All SBE waiver guidelines must be adhered to, (2) age 16 enrollment be limited to 10 percent of ADA funded in the prior year Annual Apportionment, and (3) if approved, EC 33051(c) will apply.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

Waiver requests of this type have been approved by the State Board under the SBE Waiver Policy No. 00-06; Regional Occupational Centers and Programs: Percentage of Students Under the Age of 16.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) requests this waiver to meet the specific educational needs of students in their schools. Approval of the waiver request would expand opportunities for ninth and tenth grade students to participate in career technical education programs; and provide additional opportunities for district students to multi-track senior high schools to participate in regional occupational centers and programs. Also, waiver approval would allow the regional occupational centers and programs to serve a larger number of students under age 16 who need to meet high school graduation requirements and are seeking employment training opportunities. Waiver approval would also serve to encourage a larger number of students under age 16 to remain in school, thereby reinforcing academic achievement.

LAUSD has provided written assurances that it is county policy to refer only students under the age of sixteen who can significantly benefit from ROP and whom cannot have their educational needs met without such enrollment. A counselor or the administration will make such referrals and both the school principal and the ROP director will approve the referrals.

LAUSD has also provided assurances that students with special needs will have an individualized education plan and all referred students will be enrolled in a career technical education pathway. These assurances meet all the requirements of the State Board of

Education's waiver policy for a waiver of *Education Code* Section 52314.6. Because this is the second consecutive year for this waiver, E.C. 33051(c) will apply and the district will not have to reapply unless the conditions change.

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: 2/27/2003

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

☐ Neutral ☒ Support ☐ Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: John Perez and Ernest Kettenring

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

☒ posting in a newspaper ☐ posting at each school ☐ other (specify)

Public hearing held on: 2/25/03

Local board approval date: 2/25/03

Advisory committee(s) consulted: Los Angeles Unified School District, Division of Adult and Career Education, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs Advisory Council

Objections raised (choose one): ☒ None ☐ Objections are attached on separate sheet

Date consulted: August 27, 2003

Effective dates of request: 7/1/2003 through 6/30/2004

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):

There is no fiscal impact to the Department or the ROP.

Background Information:

Waiver request forms and supporting documents are available for inspection in the Waiver Office.